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Mr. Roland McKee / *card*

Dear Mr. McKee:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I would like to acknowledge and thank you very much for your letter of 14 December.

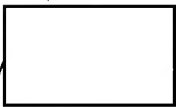
We have read your thoughtful comments with interest and appreciate your courtesy in writing to us.

Sincerely,

Signed

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Assistant to the Director

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

In the December issue of Reader's Digest is a condensation of your address before the SFU in Detroit in August. The article is entitled, "We Can't Lick Communism Without Understanding It." The first sentence states: There is a dangerously complacent attitude among many people in the United States today.

My first experience with Communism was in 1927 when I heard an engineer for the Marion Power Shovel Company give a talk on his experiences in Russia assembling a large Marion power shovel. Even though I was only twelve, I was shocked at the deplorable living conditions of the Russian people under Communism.

In 1945 I entered the University of Washington on the GI Bill. For several months I ate my noon meal at the U of W just off campus. I took no part in the conversation at the large round central table, because it only took me a few days to realize that all the other students were ardent Communists and members of what was known as the Marxian Discussion Group. In the U of W Daily in the section devoted to campus groups and meetings, the Marxian Discussion Group always announced their meetings. When I attempted to place announcements of the meetings of the Young Democrats

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and your Republican Club members, I was
told that since these were political groups
they would have to pay for space in
the Daily. As a result, a letter to the
editor published in the Seattle Times
nearly caused me to be expelled from the
University. In a letter in the Daily, I was
invited to attend the meetings of the Morgan
Group, without them realizing that I had
been sitting in their midst for several
months.

In freshman English, each student had
to write a theme on any subject the
student could choose. I chose the reporting
of the trial of the eleven Communists in
the movie industry. For material I
used the New York Times, Time Magazine,
and the Daily Worker. Whereas most students
in the class presented themes of seven to
ten pages, mine was forty-five pages.
In class, forty-one of the forty-two themes
were read in class. Mine was not. Also,
I was the only student to receive an
"A" for the assignment. The instructor
explained that while my theme centered
around the point as to how the trial
was reported in different news media,
many of the students would raise the
point and would consider only the
innocence or guilt of the eleven defendants.

Since then I have carried on a constant
study of all the ramifications of Communism.
I have read the works of Marx and Engels.
I have read the Communist Manifesto. I

have tried to follow the events that occur all over the world that have anything to do with Communism. And now, as I sit here writing this letter, I have a deep-seated depressed feeling of a man on the gallows with the rope around his neck and the trap-door about to be sprung from under his weighted feet.

This depression stems directly from my knowledge of Communism and the complacency of the American public. I know that a "mountain of hard evidence" has passed over your desk. I know that there are Americans risking their lives this very moment to continue to build this mountain of evidence. I know the facts are spread all over the world for everyone to see.

And yet I read column after column in the Columbus Citizen Journal each morning, the Marion (Ohio) Star each night, and the Columbus Dispatch on Sunday about Liz Taylor's headache, Jerry Lucas's score in the Ohio State basketball games, the Finch-Tregoff murder trial, and the details of insignificant projects of garden clubs and young nations societies. Even the details of the events in remote parts of the world that will, in the near future, burst into a flaming holocaust to endanger the lives of each and every American is passed over lightly on the front page or usually, if mentioned

at all, is relegated to the unimportant columns in the back pages. Letters to the editor asking for a greater emphasis on the growing menace to the future of America are ignored. For instance, the most of the front page of the Marion Star tonight was devoted to the drop in temperature to six below zero. My God!!! I knew it was six below.

But not one word was printed of the coup d'etat in Addis Ababa. While the radio reported no blood was shed, this event is of vital importance locally because Marvin Ludwig, a graduate of Harding High School and well known locally, is the general secretary of the YMCA in Ethiopia. The conjecture on the radio, by way of London, is that the son of Emperor Haile Selassie is only a front man for a group that has other plans for the future of Ethiopia. From my experience, the general attitude of all but about 50 of the 60,000 people in Marion County tomorrow morning will be, "So What?"

To me it is a tragedy that those persons such as yourself could not prepare plans to shock the American people into an awareness of the growing menace to the future of every citizen in this nation. The American public has become so self-centered and cynical that it would take more than the 1938 Orson Welles radio program of the invasion of the United

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States by creatures from the Kremlin are depending on this cynicism, egotism, and complacency to accomplish their purpose. It is just as you, and every Communist document, states, without reservation, that the aim and goal of Communism is complete and absolute control of the world.

The only solution I see is for you and the staff of the CIA to map out a massive program of saturation of every single facet of news media in America. This would include not only the newspapers, radio, and television, but the movies, farm papers, trade magazines, union papers, comic books, and religious publications. The program will have to be tailor-made for each means of communication. Not only will the program have to be planned to reach the minds of every segment of society, but there must be a vigilant effort made to guarantee that each detail of the plan is properly presented to that segment of the society for which it is designed.

The plan must spare none of the sickening details of the atrocities which have been committed for the advancement of Communism. As an example, in the same issue of Reader's Digest are "Terror in Tibet" by Lowell Thomas, "Myet to Tourists in Soviet Russia" from the Christian

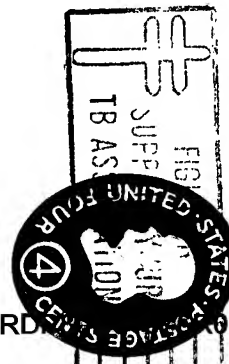
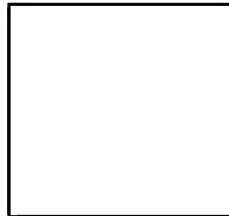
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Science Magazine, "Communism in America" from
the New York Times Magazine. The CIA is going
to have to keep banging away at the
American public just as the Ohio State
football team keeps slamming through
the center of the line week after week,
year after year. It is this constant and
unrelenting, brutal, bruising ground
attack that causes a sell-out for all
home games by mid-August and a
crowd of over 80,000 fans for every game
for the past nine years.

There may be time to awaken the
public to the truth about Communism,
but from the world situation as I see
it, it might be too late. A good place
to start is our Congress. Then the state
legislatures must be alerted. Then the
city councils, schools, colleges, and
churches are going to have to be alerted.
Only then will the public be roused out
of their complacency and understand
Communism so that it can be wiped
from the face of the earth. Only then
will the people of America understand
why a young Hungarian couple who
barely escaped the '56 Budapest bloodbath
with their lives can continue to live
because they found refuge in Marion, Ohio
from Communism in Europe. Was their
flight in vain, or are the American
people also going to perish because they
refuse to face the bloody sickening facts?

Sincerely yours
Roland McKee

Richard M. McFee

*Mr. Allan Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.*



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For information and preparation of an appropriate reply.

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<p>Remarks:</p> <p>The letter from Roland McKee and the letter from Dr. Zuzic have been reviewed and we find them to be of no substantive interest here.</p> <p>Perhaps a pleasant, non-committal reply would suffice</p>			
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